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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA

REF: A. STATE 45300; B. GABERONE 509

1. MISSION DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF TENT PROVISION FOR
REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA WITH DEPUTY UNHCR MARCH 2.
LATTER'S IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT UNHCR CAPABLE
OF MEETING NEED WITHIN ITS RESOURCES. FURTHER WHILE
APPRECIATING U.S. OFFER, HE JUDGED THAT TENTS
COULD PROBABLY BE HAD AT LESS ACQUISITION
AND TRANSPORT COSTS FROM EUROPEAN OR OTHER SOURCES
CLOSER TO BOTSWANA. HE EXPLAINED THAT UNHCR
HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICA-
TING WITH ITS REP IN GABERONE, WITH TELEGRAMS
TAKING AS LONG AS FOUR DAYS TO
REACH ADDRESSEE. WE OFFERED TO ASSIST IN THIS REGARD COINCIDENTALLY
HOWEVER, IN TELEPHONE CALL THAT AFTERNOON TO GABERONE, UNHCR
HEADQUARTERS WAS ABLE TO INSTRUCT REP TO CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY
TO DETERMINE
FIRM NEEDS AND ADVISE GENEVA ACCORDINGLY ASAP.
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UNHCR WILL NOTIFY MISSION AS SOON AS RESPONSE IS
RECEIVED FROM ITS GABERONE REP.

2. WITH REGARD PARA 3 (E) REF A, UNHCR REPORTS
THAT ONLY CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED THUS FAR IN RESPONSE
TO THEIR APPEAL IS ONE MILLION KRONER (APPROX
\$200,000) FROM NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL, EARMARKED

FOR ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEANS IN MOZAMBIQUE.
THEY ARE, NONETHELESS, HOPING FOR INCERASED
RETURNS FOLLOWING ON A RENEWED APPEAL WHICH THEY
PLAN TO LAUNCH SOON BASED ON THE FARAH MISSION REPORT.

3. MISSION HAS CONTACTED BOTH LICROSS AND ICRC
TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE PROVIDING OR
INTENDING TO PROVIDE ASSISTNACE IN BOTSWANA (PARA
3 (F). LICROSS ADVIDED THEY HAD NOT BEEN ASKED
THROUGH USUAL RED CROSS CHANNELS FOR ASSISTANCE AND
CONSEQUENTLY HAD NOT BECOME INVOLVED TO DATE.
ICRC EXPRESSED AWARENESS OF PROBLEM BUT STATED
THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT UNHCR INTENDED TO MEET
NEED. ICRC HAD EARLIER BEEN INVOLVED IN
EFFORTS TO REUNITE 400 CHILDERN FROM THE UNAMA
MISSION WITH THEIR FAMILIES. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING
THIS ACTIVITY, ICRC DELEGATES LEFT BOTSWANA AND
THEY ARE NOT NOW REPRESENTED THERE. GOB HAS NOWEVER
EXPRESSED HOPE RECENTLY THAT ICRC MIGHT BE ABLE TO
PROVIDE SOME (UNSPECIFIED) ASSISTANCE TOWARD
GENERAL FEFUGEE PROBLEM. ACCORDINGLY, ON OR
ABOUT MARCH 10, THE ICRC DELEGATE FROM LUSAKA
WILL PROCEED TO GABERONE TO ASSESS SITUATION
AND DETERMINE IF/HOW ICRC MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

4. MISSION WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY
GABERONE AS SOON AS IT HAS REVEIVED WORD FROM
UNHCR CONCERNING ITS PLANS WITH RESPECT TO
PROVISION OF TNETS.CATTO
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